

**SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2020**

In attendance: Emily Paulsen, Co-Chair (outgoing), Advocate, Nevada Homeless Alliance
Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Co-Chair (outgoing), Government, City of Las Vegas
Arash Ghafoori, incoming Co-Chair, Social Service Provider, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
Rick Damian, incoming Co-Chair, Government, City of North Las Vegas
Alletha Muzorewa, Workforce Investment, Workforce Connections
Amie Duford, Healthcare Provider, Touro University Nevada
Annie Wilson, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Hassan Chandry, Business, Foresight Housing Partners (new member)
Lora Picini, Alternate, Gaming Industry, Caesars Entertainment
Meg Pike, Government, Clark County School District
Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Government, Clark County Social Service
Michelle Johnston, Alternate, Veteran Service Provider, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas
Janet Quintero, EFSP Board, United Way of Southern Nevada
Jennifer Huse, Alternate, Mental Health Provider, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
Jon Stevenson, Emergency Medical Services, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue
Katherine Marçal, Alternate, University, University Nevada Las Vegas
Kelly Swan, Business, Renew T.E.S. (new member)
Peter McCoy, Veteran Service Provider, Veterans Administration
Robert Dawson, Social Service Provider, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada
Stacy DiNicola, Government, City of Henderson
Sylvia Davis, Social Service Provider, S.A.F.E. Nest

Absent: Chad Williams, Public Housing Authority, Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
Kena Adams, Advocate, Indian Voices
Jennifer Harris, Homeless or Formerly Homeless
Julie Calloway, Government, City of Boulder City
Phil Washington, Faith-Based Organization, Promised Land Community Church

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order, Notice of Agenda compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

The meeting of the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care Board was called to order at 2:08 pm, on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at United Way of Southern Nevada, 5830 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

Meg Pike, Government, presented a letter of thanks to the board on behalf of Young Adults in Charge on being under consideration to be added to the Board as a member seat.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the Agenda for January 9, 2020; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the Agenda. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting; for possible action.

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item 5. Update by co-chairs on recent activities of the Steering Committee; for possible action.

The Steering Committee did not meet in December.

Agenda Item 6A. Discussion and approval of recommendations from the Membership Ad-hoc Group of new and reappointed members to the Board, for possible action.

Kathi Thomas Gibson, Government, presented on behalf of the Membership Ad-hoc group a list of new and reappointed members to the board, as included in the board packet. New members include: Joann Rupiper, Health Care Provider, from the Southern Nevada Health District; Kelly Swan, Business, from RENEW Therapeutic Enhancement Services; Hassan Chandry, Business; from Foresight Companies; Christiana Houck, Business, from Aristocrat Gaming; Young Adults in Charge, Homeless or Formerly Homeless; Vera More, Advocates, from True Beginnings. Meg Pike, Government, makes a motion to approve the roster as included in the board packet. A motion for the Board to approve the recommendations was made. Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 6B. Discussion and acceptance of recommendations of new and reappointed members to the board by the Continuum of Care, for possible action.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Government, held a vote of Continuum of Care members present. A vote was taken and counted approving the membership.

Agenda Item 7. Discussion and nomination of new Co-Chairs and Co-Vice Chair from the Board rotation, and nomination and selection of new Community Stakeholder Co-Vice Chair, for possible action.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Government, presented the annual rotation of chairs and vice chairs. New Co-Chairs are be Rick Damian, Government, from North Las Vegas and Arash Ghafoori, Social Service Provider, from Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth. The new incoming Vice Co-Chair will be Julie Calloway, Government, from Boulder City. Nominations were opened for the Community Stakeholder Co-Vice Chair. Hassan Chandry, Business, volunteered to be nominated. The nomination was accepted. There was a motion to approve the nominations. Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 8A. Discussion and approval of recommended amendments from the Governance Ad-hoc Group to the Governance Charter and Structure by the Board to the Continuum of Care, for possible action.

Kathi Thomas-Gibson, Government and member of the Governance Ad-hoc Group, presented the following amendments (changes underlined) to the governance:

- Section 3.4.6 Each Community Stakeholder seat on SNHCoC Board shall represent the greater interest of the relevant group they represent and provide quarterly reports addressing the interests of the represented group;
- Section 3.5.2 Anyone who wants to be considered to serve on the SNH CoC Board must complete a Board Interest Form and submit 2 letters of references with contact information;
- Section 3.5.6 The Board Member Selection Ad Hoc Working Group will review applications and references to and prepare their recommendations for the SNH CoC Board to consider at its January meeting;
- Section 4.4.1.4 Ensure that Board Orientation is conducted at least once per year. Continuing Board members may be assigned to “mentor” new board members for up to 6 months;
- Section 4.4.3 The Steering Committee will consist of a minimum of 11 members but not to exceed 14 members from the SNHCoC Board. At a minimum, the Steering Committee will be made of up the 2 Co-Chairs of the SNH CoC Board; 2 Co-Vice Chairs of the SNH CoC Board; each of the 7 Working Group Champions; and 2 Community Stakeholders.
- Section 8.6.3 Letters of Support for grants or other activities, with notification to the board.
- Section 14.1.2 Members shall participate in anti-discrimination trainings offered via Silver State Fair Housing or other approved provider identified jurisdictional stakeholders.
- Section 15.1.1 NRS 241.020(1) provides that public offenders agencies and employees must make “reasonable accommodation at meetings of a public body.”
- Section 16.1.3 Client level grievances that are not resolved at the agency level may be heard by the Collaborative Applicant.

Rick Damian, City of North Las Vegas, accepted a motion to approve the recommendations from the Board.

Agenda Item 8B. Discussion and acceptance of proposed amendments to the Governance Charter and Structure by the Continuum of Care, for possible action.

Rick Damian, Government, held a vote of Continuum of Care members present. A vote was taken and counted approving the amendments.

Agenda Item 9. Approval of the authority of the Board by the Continuum of Care to act on behalf of the Continuum of Care; for possible action.

Rick Damian, City of North Las Vegas, noted that for the Board to work on behalf of the CoC, the CoC must vote to provide that authorization. Mr. Damian holds a vote of Continuum of Care members present. A vote was taken and counted approving the membership.

Agenda Item 10. Update by Clark County Social Service on the 2020 Southern Nevada Homeless Census; for possible action.

Danita Osborne-Morris, Clark County Social Service, presented a video update regarding the 2020 Homeless Census. The count is required biennially by HUD and is conducted annually in Southern Nevada. The count will begin on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 with a sheltered count and will continue on Wednesday, January 29th with an unsheltered count and survey of urban areas and tunnels and will conclude on Thursday, January 30th with a rural unsheltered count. The goal is to survey 60 percent of those entering shelters. Counts will also be received from each of the County and City jails for those who self-identify as homeless and have been incarcerated for less than ninety days. The City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson, City of North Las Vegas, Boulder City, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Courtyard Staff, Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army, WestCare, HELP of Southern Nevada, HopeLink, SafeNest, Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Clark County Parks and Recreation, Lutheran Social Services of Nevada, Olive Crest, St Jude’s Ranch for Children, US Vets-Las Vegas, Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, Clark County School District, Young Adults in Charge, Las Vegas Library District, Regional Transportation Commission, Bitfocus, and the University Of Nevada Las Vegas have stepped up to support the census by agreeing to be deployment site captains, volunteer coordinators, survey teams and other roles of support.

Agenda Item 11. Presentation by Las Vegas Fire and Rescue on the Mobile Integrated Healthcare program; for possible action.

Jon Stevenson, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue (LVFR), presented a PowerPoint presentation on Mobile Integrated Health Care. When an individual calls into LVFR, a nurse determines whether that individual needs medical care. LVFR has partnered with Southern Nevada CHIPs (Community Health Improvement Program) and America Medical Response (AMR) medical transportation to form a Crisis

Response Team (CRT). The CRT responds to 9-1-1 psychiatric emergencies and can transport the patient directly to the most appropriate level of care. CRT personnel were trained on these common conditions that could potentially cause psychiatric/behavioral health symptoms: endocrine disorders, infection (sepsis, meningitis), tumors, encephalitis, subdural/epidural hematoma, stroke and delirium. A person with a primary mental health complaint and no other emergent medical need, may be transported to a psychiatric receiving facility rather than a hospital's emergency department. The three main CHIPS (2nd Responders) and Community Paramedic Roles are to navigate client to medical resources; navigate client to social resources; and educate client regarding medical condition and healthy lifestyle.

Agenda Item 12. Questions and answers regarding reports from the Board working groups (Community Engagement, Coordinated Entry, Data & Systems Improvement, Evaluation, Monitoring, Planning, Youth)—Continuum of Care and Board members may ask questions related to Working Group Reports posted with the agenda. Comments made cannot be acted upon, but may be placed on a future agenda for consideration by the Board.

No questions were posed to the Board.

Agenda Item 13. Receive an update from each board member regarding relevant activities within their respective organizations relating to homelessness—Board members may speak on any item under this section of the agenda. Members may comment on matters including, without limitation, future agenda items, upcoming meeting dates, and meeting procedures. Comments made cannot be acted upon or discussed at this meeting, but may be placed on a future agenda for consideration by the board.

Meg Pike, Clark County School District, announced current numbers of students who have experienced homelessness during the school year as 11,400. The telephone number for Title I HOPE (Homeless Outreach Program for Education) is 702-835-6682.

Emily Paulsen, Nevada Homeless Alliance, announced that she is recruiting a full-time training coordinator.

Michelle Johnston, U.S. Vets-Las Vegas, announced that the Veterans Stand Down is March 25th.

Agenda Item 14. Public Comment.

No public comment was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.